



Grace Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Cantilene Religieuse*

Theodore Dubois

At the tolling of the tower bell, the congregation is asked to stand.

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: *O Worship the King, all glorious above!*

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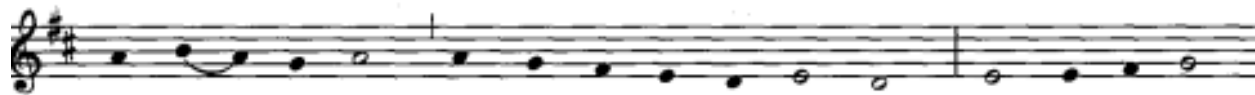
COLLECT FOR PURITY



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



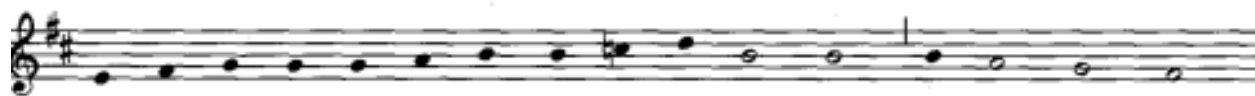
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,



on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



7. You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.

I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps
their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.

Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.

I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:18-27 (Spoken in unison)

18 Be not far away, O LORD; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

THE EPISTLE: Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing*

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Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave

them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The Reverend John Rice

THE NICENE CREED *(standing)*

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector The people shall respond to "*in your mercy,*" with **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Lector

Ever living and ever loving God,
we praise you for your indwelling presence with us.
Gracious God, take and transform our societies
that broken people find healing;
that lonely people find love;
that angry people find peace;
that fearful people find hope;
that unjust systems are destroyed.

In your mercy,

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Lector

Loving God, take our world's leaders and governments
and bring reconciliation
that communication be open;
that relationships between hostile people
and hostile nations will be healed;
that a hunger for justice will meet the hunger for food,
the need for shelter, the cry for care.

In your mercy,

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Lector

Wise and Wonderful God, fill your church
that our worship will encourage faithful action,
that our lives will make a real difference
to real people in the real world,
especially to those who have asked for our prayers and support today:
Joan & Allyn Aldrich, Tim Collins, Suana Gentry, Anne Jarema, Lynda McCredie,
Wayne & Laura Parton, Anne Plyler, Cheri Potter, The Reverend Jim Rains, The
Reverend Guy Sayles, Becky & Bill Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder,
Ed & Marla Woeckener, Tom Wolff....Are there others?

In your mercy,

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Lector

Gracious God, let us pray for the newly baptized,
especially Jackson and Samara,
that the Spirit may guide them
in lives of active faith.

In your mercy,

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Lector

For those celebrating birthdays: Tom Schram, Joan Aldrich, Christy Bennett, Cathy
Adkins, Winnifred Greene, David Withers, Tara Lonneman, Jenny Knapp; and for
those celebrating anniversaries, especially Shannon & Greg Townsend, Grace
Allendorf & Levi Godfrey, Becky & Bill Smith, Cheryl & Joe Aull, Joan & Pat Mahon,
Sarah & Eric Wood, Tahani Sticpewich & Bill Norlin.

In your mercy,

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Lector

God of all the ages, grant us the peace that passes all understanding.
We commend to your mercy all those who have died, especially Rachel Benjamin.
Comfort those who mourn.

We pray especially for those on the anniversary of their deaths, especially: Marguerite Alexander, Virginia Anderson, Willard Brewer, Kathleen Griffin, Walter Humphreys, and for those that still grieve them...Are there others?

In your mercy,

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Lector

Compassionate God: fill our lives with your presence
so that more and more every day
all that we do and say and hope
will be an act of worship to you and an expression of love to others.

In your mercy,

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

The celebrant leads a concluding prayer.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY Music: *Sicilienne*

Maria-Therisia von Paradis

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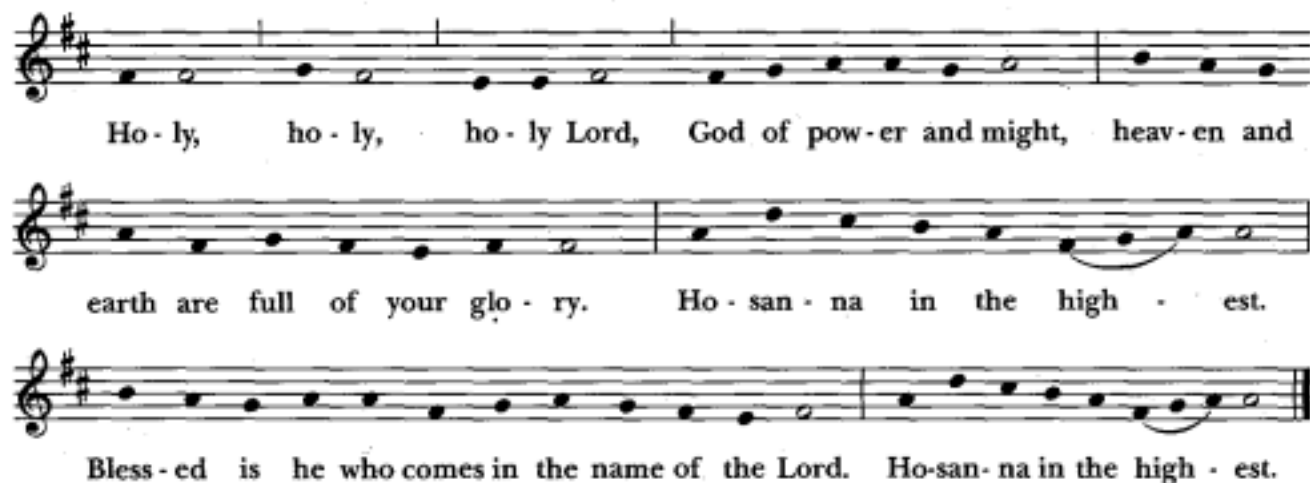
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

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(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast.
 (Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(gluten free wafers available upon request)

COMMUNION: *Air in D*

J.S Bach

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *Holy Father, Great Creator*

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DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: *Rondeau*

Henry Purcell



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Lorie Tola in loving memory of her brothers, John and Peter Tola.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Grace Walker & Phillip Alfred Walker, Sr., and Pete Walker, Jr., by their family.



LAY MINISTERS

Violinist: Elizabeth Smith

(we thank her for sharing her gift of music with us this morning)

Acolyte: Greg Townsend Lectors: Steve Birkdhofer, Jenny Thomas

Intercessor: Nancy Lewis Chaliciist: Lorie Tola Presenters: Terri & Jack Frue

Ushers: Mike Vines, Ben Scales Greeters: Jennifer Witt, Ginny Moser

Coffee Hour: Bea Russell Streaming: Ben Scales

Vestry Member of the Day: Kim Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Why are the Bulletins White? It's Ordinary Time!

Although "ordinary time" is not used in the Prayer Book, the season after Pentecost can be considered ordinary time, or the long green season (due to the color of this segment of the liturgical year). So during this more relaxed time that's free from feasts and high holy days, we are going to practice good stewardship and use up old white paper and save the newer ecru stock for later in the liturgical year.

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Parish Fish Fry & "How Jesus Taught His Disciples to Pray"

It's summer, and time for a fish fry next Wednesday, June 25, at 5:30 in the parish hall. Fr. John is providing the fish, hybrid bass and stripers recently caught in Lake Hartwell, SC. You bring your favorite fish fry side *dish to share – bread, veggie, dessert*. Following supper, Fr. John will be presenting a class on "How Jesus Taught His Disciples How to Pray." This is the Lenten class that was cancelled due to bad weather. Come and join us as your schedule allows!

Retirement Reception Honoring Patty Mouer

Please join St. Luke's Asheville in honoring the Reverend Patty Mouer on Saturday, July 12 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. as she retires after 32 years in ministry and 20 years at St. Luke's. Several of those years in ministry were spent at Grace! RSVP to office@stlukesavl.org.

Donation Information for the ECW Rummage Sale coming this Fall

ECW will be holding a rummage sale on **Saturday, November 8, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon**. We are grateful for your donations which make our sale possible. Since we no longer have access to the storage house, we can only accept donations in the parish hall during the week prior to the sale. Times for donating items will be provided closer to the sale. *Are you doing some spring cleaning?* Remember to hold items you think could be sold at our sale! Look for a flyer with items that can be donated in the church foyer.

Tai Chi for Health

The 8-week summer series of Tai Chi for Health meets on Wednesdays from June 25 to August 13 in the Parish Hall. Beginner classes are from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Intermediate classes are from 2:15 to 3:00 p.m., and Advanced classes are from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. **This summer, Grace parishioners who wear their Grace-issued Name Tags when attending their first class receive a 50% discount on their first series of classes.** For more information, or to register for classes online, please check the website for WNC Tai Chi for Health: wnctaichiarthritis.com.

The Pastoral Care Team at Grace

Reach out to us with any pastoral care needs you, or your family, may have, by emailing the team at FrJohn@graceavl.com. You can also email, text or call Fr. John Rice at 828-371-7281.

Coffee Hour Help Needed

You're depending on others to take care of this important ministry. Are they depending on you? Please consider sharing your gifts with us as a Coffee Hour Host. For more information, contact Beth Hill at ehill3600@gmail.com or 828-550-4352.

Help Us!

If you are the last person to leave the church building, before you set the alarm: please make sure ceiling fans are turned off, windows are closed and outside doors are securely pulled shut and locked. Then, you can engage the alarm system to the "Armed Away" option and leave the building. If you have questions, please contact Kim at kimhys53@gmail.com.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Monday Morning Bible Study: *Mondays at 10:30 a.m.*

Guided by Fr. Tim, we study the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday service. Please join us virtually by clicking on the button at graceavl.com.

Taizé: *Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.*

Weekly Taizé services are held in the sanctuary. Healing prayer is offered throughout the service for oneself or on behalf of someone else. For more information on Taizé at Grace, visit: graceavl.com/taize-grace.

Women Walking the Way: *Thursdays at 8:20 a.m.*

Meet at the Bird Sanctuary parking lot by Beaver Lake. For more information, contact Ann Lewis at annaflewis7@gmail.com or call her at 815-441-2282.

GRACE'S PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Joan & Allyn Aldrich, Tim Collins, Suana Gentry, Anne Jarema, Lynda McCredie, Wayne & Laura Parton, Cheri Potter, The Reverend Jim Rains, Guy Sayles, Becky & Bill Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, Ed & Marla Woeckener, Tom Wolff.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: Ed Denison; Nancy Sink; Rita Spragg.

For Others: (Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless we hear otherwise.)

Geraldine Allen (aunt of Carole McClellan); **Allen** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Judah Benjamin** (friend of Gary Coffey); **Bob Brennan** (relative of Anne Jarema); **Molly Breslin** (friend of Gary Coffey); **Christa Bridgman** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Gabriel & Lara Brongel & family** (grandson and daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Marcie Coleman** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Deanna Glasner** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Cherry Howe** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Tom Hunnicutt** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Nancy Hutchins** (friend of Eleanor Jameson); **Kathleen** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Sally Mackay** (mother of Lesley Heiser); **Bunky Manship** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Daniel McRee** (son of Fr. Timothy McRee) and **David** (partner of Daniel McRee); **Megan** (friend of George & Pat Davis); **Barney Noble** (son of Joyce & Walt Noble); **Diana Noble** (daughter of Walt & Joyce Nobel); **Kathleen Peacock** (friend of Pat & George Davis); **Meredith Peppers** (cousin of Carole McClellan); **Kip & Val Pritchard** (friends of Cliff); **Peter John Rouse, Sr.** (grandfather of Mike Vines); **Anne Spruance**; **Wiley Thornton** (cousin of Carol McClellan); **Tomlinson Family**; **Wayne Wheeler & Family** (friends of Bea & Jeff Russell).

For the recently deceased: **Rachel Benjamin.**

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For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy Brown** (grandson of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Matt & Martha Cardenas** (daughter and son in law of Hannah Buckner); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Brady Paschall** (granddaughter of Gael Paschall); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Sean**, our presiding Bishop; **José**, our Bishop; **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish**; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola** and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, **St. John in the Wilderness, Flat Rock.**

For our Nation and the Wider World: For the President and his Cabinet; for Congress; and for our country; for victims of violence around the world; for local agencies and those who work for relief of the poor; for stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.



— Grace's Mission Statement —

At Grace Church we seek to live as a community of Christians where the empowering presence of the living God may be encountered in our welcome to all, in our love and service to each other and in reaching out to share God's love in the world.



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